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•Bare-bones budget passes

•Restorations get review

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Town Meeting members haggled over the Arlington fiscal 1990 budget of more than \$60 million last week.

The budget talks took a slower pace over other Town Meeting issues as members reviewed and questioned the deep cuts taken in community safety, human services, and education departments.

The remainder of fiscal year 1990 budget, which goes into effect on July 1, 1989, was discussed and passed though it took two sessions to complete those 11 sub-budgets.

Also facing Town Meeting members is where money will be restored if an override of Proposition 2½ is successful on June 10. An override would raise about \$2.2 million to be spent over a two year period.

• The remaining two subsections of the Department of Public Works budget, sewer maintenance and water maintenance, were passed at last Wednesday's Town Meeting. The sewer maintenance budget of \$3,070,921, up by \$862,695 from last year, passed by a "substantial majority." The water maintenance allotment decreased \$18,734 from the current fiscal year, and was passed with a unanimous vote.

• The four subsections of the community safety budget passed quickly and with little discussion. The administration department, including salaries for the director of police and (See BUDGET, page 3A)

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Before Town Meeting members can put this year's financial talks behind them, they must review a second budget.

If the voters choose to override Proposition 2½ in the June 10 election, the town will have \$2,269,528 to divide among town departments over two years.

To avoid the \$13,000 expense and hassle of calling a Special Town Meeting to approve appropriation of the funds in the event of an override, two budgets were discussed during the year and presented to Town Meeting, one taking the override money into consideration.

The override budget was presented as a substitute motion stating: "In the even that there is a majority of votes cast in the affirmative at the June 10 Special Town Election..."

Town Meeting member Kenneth Marquis, precinct 14, questioned the legality and necessity of passing an override budget if the money hasn't even been voted for the town. He also wanted to know if voting on the budget would imply the Town Meeting supported an override.

Town Counsel John Maher said the supplemental budget was legal and the only way for any money raised by an override to be spent without having to call a Special Town Meeting during the summer.

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Gone fishin'



Matthew Bonaccolto watches the ripples made by his cast at Hill's Pond in Menotomy Rocks Park.

(George C. Ferrar photo)

Mood somber over school spending cuts

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Arlington students face program cuts, teacher layoffs and fees for sports in the \$19 million school budget that Town Meeting has approved for fiscal 1990.

One day after giving lay off notices to 47 tenured teachers, the school department presented its fiscal year 1990 budget to Town Meeting. The \$19,114,204 budget, \$80,426 less than last year's, was passed after some discussion but little fighting.

"It is very, very sad for us — particularly last evening," said School Committee Chairman William O'Brien addressing Town Meeting. "We're in terrible shape. The \$19,114,204 will not meet our

needs."

Last December, faced with a \$1.5 million deficit, the School Committee voted to present a \$20 million budget to Town Meeting but later reconsidered and agreed to present the allotted \$19 million. Education gets 52.26 percent of the town's departmental money.

"I'm not going to ask you for more money because I know there isn't any to ask for," said Superintendent Walter Devine, quelling Town Meeting fears before presenting the budget.

Earlier this year, the School Committee voted to close the Gibbs Junior High School, cutting \$534,000 from the budget. Programs and co-curricular activities, including (See SCHOOL, page 3A)

Three finalists for AHS principal

The three finalists for the Arlington High School principal's position will come before the School Committee on Tuesday, when the superintendent is expected to make his recommendation.

Chosen two weeks ago by the search committee, the three finalists — two men and a woman, who have all worked in administrative positions — visited the high school this week and met with teachers, staff, students and the administration.

"The process is progressing well," Superintendent Walter Devine told the School Committee last week. "The screening committee was superior and the finalists are being well received. This has been a very good process."

Of the three finalists, two had made their visits to the high school before The Advocate's press deadline, the other visited Wednesday. All three will appear individually before the School Committee on Tuesday. (The interviews are public and will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the committee room, sixth floor, Arlington High School.)

The finalists are:

• Joseph P. Barnes, of Needham, assistant principal of Hopkinton Junior Senior High School. Barnes received a bachelor of English degree from St. Michael's College in 1967 and a master's degree in English and Education from Boston State College in 1970.

Barnes has worked in Hopkinton for more than 21 years as an English

teacher, department chairman, acting principal, and a coach.

• Joan Carr, of Acton, housemaster at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. Carr received a bachelor of arts degree in French and Spanish in 1973 from the University of Texas, where she also received a master's degree in bilingual education in 1974.

She worked in the Boston Public Schools for 13 years, first as a teacher and head of the bilingual department at Brighton High School and then as a department head and assistant headmaster at Madison Park High School. Carr has been a housemaster at the Lincoln-Sudbury high school for the last two years.

• Charles J. McCarthy Jr., of Bedford, principal of Peabody Veterans

Memorial High School. He received a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College in 1966 and a master's in education and English from the same school in 1968.

McCarthy worked in the Watertown schools from 16 years as a teacher, an administrative assistant to the superintendent, an assistant junior high school principal and a junior high school principal before serving as a housemaster at Watertown Senior High School.

Since 1983 he has been the principal at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

After the interviews of the candidates by the School Committee, Superintendent Devine will make his recommendation to the committee for its vote.

Town Meeting winds down

Town Meeting was expected to wrap up its business last night, after The Advocate's deadline.

Scheduled for debate were budget-restorations for non-school accounts, which will depend on the outcome of the June 10 Proposition 2½ override vote, along with at least one resolution.

When Town Meeting adjourned Monday only five warrant articles remained unacted upon.

This year's shorter 69-item warrant took eight sessions over four weeks. The length of Town Meeting

is on a par with the past few years, but in earlier years, meetings were shorter, according to Town Clerk Ann Powers.

However, a reorganization of the Town Meeting warrant and other changes in the deadlines for town boards and other reporting committees has been credited with making the annual legislative session move along more smoothly.

The Advocate will have a complete wrap-up of the Town Meeting in next week's edition.

Crash kills local resident

An Arlington man was killed early Sunday and two other men were seriously injured after the car they were driving crashed into a tree in Malden.

Michael Mangano of Cleveland Street, 25, was pronounced dead at Massachusetts General Hospital shortly after the 1:55 a.m. accident that occurred on Lynn Street in Malden, police said.

Town records indicate Mangano was an auto body mechanic.

According to officials, Mangano was driving a 1988 Camaro at a high rate of speed, between 100 to 120 m.p.h., and skidded 490 feet before hitting the tree bordering Holy Cross Cemetery.

The two passengers, 22-year-old Paul DeVito of Malden and Michael Sproul of Everett were hospitalized.

A funeral Mass will be said today at 9 a.m. in St. Mary's Church on Norfolk Street in Cambridge.

Gardening time



Ed Bonaccorso of Arlington stakes out his garden in Belmont's Rock Meadow while his son Matthew, 6, takes a breather.

(George C. Ferrar photo)

Sancta Maria ends acute care

Sancta Maria Hospital in Cambridge announced the suspension of its inpatient acute-care admissions and emergency services effective Friday, May 19, at 8 a.m.

All acute care inpatients currently being cared for at Sancta Maria will be discharged or transferred to another facility as appropriate, hospital officials said.

The ongoing decrease in the acute inpatient volume, which made it no longer feasible to maintain and provide acute-care services, prompted this decision.

The hospital, located at 799 Concord Ave., is currently undergoing a transition to other uses, including, but not limited to, long-term care, said hospital officials.

Sancta Maria will continue to provide non-emergency, ambulatory services to outpatients, including walk-in medical care (physician), which will be available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, physical therapy, radiology, mammography, CT scanning, nuclear medicine, EKG, EEG, EMG and ultrasound.

Physicians, ambulance companies, emergency service providers, public officials and other appropriate parties have been notified. For further information, contact the administration at Sancta Maria at 868-2200, ext 2103.

Chamber honors firms, individuals for service

Arlington businesses and individuals were honored last weekend by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to the betterment of life in Arlington.

Awards were presented at the 15th annual Achievement Awards dinner at the Sons of Italy Hall to a sell-out crowd of nearly 220 individuals.

Citizen of the Year Jacqueline Keshian was honored for volunteer and civic efforts; her award was presented by Kathleen Salipante.

Town Employee of the Year honors went to Donna McKenney and Eddie Mederios for their outstanding efforts. Selectman Kevin Greeley presented the plaques to Ms. McKenney; Mederios has been ill and his wife accepted in his absence.

The third annual Len Talkov Award for meritorious service to the Chamber was presented to Larry Barton of Barton & Associates by organization president Len Talkov. Barton's business will open a West Coast office this fall and will retain an Arlington office where the company was founded in 1977.

Business Enterprise Awards, for investment in the business community that merits townwide recognition, went to Swanson's Jewelers, Shattuck's Hardware, Lake Street Hardware and Picasso's Restaurant. George Williams of Berglund-Williams, Wilson & Fudge Funeral Home, last year's winner in the category, presented the Enterprise Awards. Williams also served as master of ceremonies for the televised event.

A special professional Enterprise Award was given to the firm of Sullivan and Dempsey for the company's efforts to preserve historically significant properties in town.

A Director's Award to Carlene and Bruce Newell honored their several innovative volunteer efforts, notably the organization of high school parties where young people can enjoy each other's company safely and without alcohol.

The late Gloria Cook's family accepted an award presented to her for outstanding community service. Ms. Cook was noted throughout Arlington for her energetic service

to several organizations and the public schools.

A Presidential Award to Carol and Donna Ryerson of ARC Travel was made for their time and energy in planning the first annual Christmas Stroll that encouraged local residents to shop in town during the holiday period.

Youth Leaders of the year Donna McKenney and Kimberly Grey, both students at Arlington High School, were honored for their contributions to a number of events, programs and committees over the past four years.

The Sons of Italy Lodge 1349 was presented the Service Organization Award for its many noteworthy civic contributions to the town over the year; George Arena accepted the award and expressed appreciation on behalf of the hundreds of members of Italo-American descent. Ronald Nigro, Chamber past president, made the presentation.

Other presenters included Williams Sovie, Richard Murray and Charles Smith.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors monthly luncheon meetings at which issues of interest to area businesses are discussed. The next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 14 and a guest speaker from Mary's Photographic Studio of Mass. Ave., Arlington will address the use of imagery in business promotion.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the Chamber at 643-4600.

Correction

Due to incorrect information, the salary increases of the town counsel and the director of planning and community development were misstated in the May 11 issue of The Advocate.

The town counsel's salary was presented in the Finance Committee report as an increase of \$5,154 to \$56,708. The salary stated, \$56,708, is correct but last year's salary was \$54,008, not \$51,554, making the town counsel's increase \$2,700 or 5 percent. The figure of \$51,554 was the salary for fiscal year 1988, two years ago.

Similarly, the director of planning and community development's salary was misstated. Though the fiscal year 1990 salary of \$57,895 was correct, the fiscal year 1989 salary for the position was \$55,064 not \$52,560. Hence the salary increase is \$2,831, again 5 percent.

SISTER CITY NEWS



Arlington resident Jim Roettger shoulders a sack of rice the Arlington delegation brought for Teosinte as Paul Lessin and Paul Davis wait to help unload the truck.

Reflections on Tesinte visit

By NINA BREW
Special to The Advocate

The Arlington delegation to Teosinte has been back just about a month now; time enough to absorb the trip and events following our return, and to reflect on the value of the Sister City Project.

The events of the trip—negotiations with the military for permission to go to Teosinte; meetings with human, labor, religious and political organizations; the attempt to get to the village; and the night spent with 15 of the villagers in the Chalatenango convent—were described in the last column (April 20).

While we learned a great deal about the situation in El Salvador from our meetings, the most memorable experiences are those with the people from Teosinte. Several things worked to heighten the intensity of those encounters: the great distance (geographic, economic, cultural) between Arlington and Teosinte, the extended anticipation of our arrival in the village, and the disappointment on both sides when we were stopped by the army.

We gave them the proclamation from the Board of Selectmen extending greetings and expressing support for the village's endeavors. They presented us with letters of welcome from their town council, the school

teachers and children. We listened to their stories about fleeing El Salvador in the early 1980s.

One grandmother recounted her village being driven on foot by the army through the mountains for seven days without food, and then having to swim across a swollen river in the rain.

We heard the story of their return from the refugee camps last August. They were stopped two days at the border and the international observers were not allowed into the country. They were stopped again for 3 days at Tejutla, the town nearest to Teosinte while they waited for repairs to the road to be completed. They had to do most of the work themselves and carry their supplies and belongings into Teosinte on foot.

We also listened to the vice president of the town council relate her capture and torture in February by the Army, while she and four others were bringing supplies into the village from Chalatenango. She was separated from her companions and held for 3 days, blindfolded, interrogated, threatened and beaten—accused of being one of the guerrillas. She is 22 years old and the mother of a five month old baby.

The villagers also told us about their efforts to rebuild Teosinte. Since September, they have rebuilt enough houses for the approximately 70 families in the

village. They have brought water to the town—a project that required them to carry 50-foot lengths of pipe 6 kilometers up the mountain while the Army carried out "military exercises" close by. They have planted vegetable crops for the rainy season which has just begun. Four teachers are holding school for kindergarten through third grade, and for adult literacy.

We asked them what they needed most, and they told us they want to complete repairs to the road, including a small bridge over a river that can't be crossed during heavy rains; and to buy a truck to carry supplies and people in and out of the village. The Bishop of Chalatenango, Eduardo Alas requested our help in obtaining documentation for people in the repopulations. They were supposed to be given documents when they came back from Honduras but weren't; and without identification they can be detained by the army and have difficulty travelling, getting medical care, or other forms of assistance.

These requests will be the basis of our upcoming activities here in Arlington. We are also beginning to plan for the next delegation, and are considering ways to bring some one from Teosinte to Arlington. If you'd like to get involved with any of these efforts, please call Judi Paradis at 646-4283.

LIBRARY NEWS

Film shown at Fox

The film "The Eddie Duchin Story" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library this Friday, May 19 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

It tells the story of the successful pianist, Eddie Duchin and his tragic death from leukemia. Duchin is played by handsome Tyrone Power; the cast also includes Kim Novak, James Whitmore, and Sheppard Strudwick.

Directed by George Sidney from an Academy-Award nominated original story by Leo Katcher. It's free.

Foxy folks to meet

One and all are invited to the monthly meeting of "Foxy-Folks," a social get-together held at the Fox Branch Library—this month on Monday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Come and socialize and be entertained by radio personality and entertainer Mel Simons making a return visit with an updated version of his "Golden Days of Radio" Show. It's free.

Library standards for children published

The Library of Congress has designated 1989 as "The Year of the Young Reader" and the Massachusetts Library Association has taken this opportunity to endorse Standards For Library Service to Children in Massachusetts, a document prepared by a committee of the Association. The committee included library directors, children's librarians, library educators and consultants. Intended as a guide for excellent library service in all sizes of communities in the Commonwealth, the document sets standards in areas such as collection programs, staff and facilities.

A copy of the standards if available for perusal at the main Robbins Junior Library. Additional copies may be ordered for \$5 from the Massachusetts Library Association, P.O. Box 556, Wakefield, Ma. 01880.

Chalk picture-making Saturday

On Saturday, May 20, children ages three and up are invited to come to the main Robbins Junior Library at 10:30 a.m. to make sidewalk chalk pictures. In case of rain, the program will be held indoors and the pictures drawn on black paper. No advance sign-up is required for this program.

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Town Meeting passes bare-bones budget

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director of fire, was down \$12,345 to \$184,238. Police services took a cut of \$63,985 down to \$3,032,105; Fire Services was \$3,401,943, up \$25,505.

The community safety support services, which includes salaries for the building inspector, civil defense director and numerous equipment repair and maintenance personnel, increased \$27,884 to \$679,673.

Town Meeting quickly passed a \$460,000 street lighting budget, a \$7,000 increase over this year.

The \$19,114,204 education budget was passed on Wednesday, one day after the \$80,426 decrease from last year cost the town more than 30 teaching positions and numerous program cuts. Town Meeting passed the budget by a "substantial majority." (See related story).

The library was given a budget of \$924,877, down \$24,296 from last year.

The human resources had eight sub-budgets, of which five went up and three, the Veteran's Memorial Rink, the Council on Aging, and the Youth Services Division, went down.

The administration expenses rose \$3,195 to \$68,914; the sealer of weights and measures/ consumer protection increased \$410 to \$9,207; veterans' services also went up, adding \$2,923 to make the budget \$132,310; the Board of Health's allotment, which includes the salaries for the director, health inspector and nurse, increased \$6,197 to \$115,229; the biggest dollar increase was in the recreation division, which went up \$8,512 to \$210,367.

The Veteran's Memorial Rink budget dropped \$7,728 to \$185,861. Though expenses for the rink stayed the same, salary outlay decreased because a new rink facility manager was hired and started on a lower pay scale.

All the preceding budgets were approved by Town Meeting with little or no debate.

The Council on Aging sustained a deep \$38,732 budget cut, bringing it down to \$78,553 from last year's \$117,285. The cut, which will remove the visiting nurses services, prompted Town Meeting member Harry P. McCabe, precinct 21, who

is also a member of the Council on Aging, to propose an amendment reinstating most of the money cut out by adding \$38,292 to the \$4,440 allotted for expenses. The ensuing debate spanned two evenings and filled close to two hours of meeting time.

McCabe's amendment was eventually defeated 49 to 115, but not before emotional and political arguments had played themselves out.

Once the budget increase was proposed Town Meeting members mulled the effects of such a large cut, the fairness of the cut, and the fairness and feasibility of voting to add any sum to a budget. Since all the budgets must balance, money added to one budget must come from somewhere, most likely another budget.

One member pointed out that the \$38,732 increase is the amount the Council on Aging would get if a Proposition 2½ override is voted in the coming June 10 election.

McCabe was asked if the Council on Aging had been talking to its constituents about supporting the

override; the elderly vote is considered an important factor in passing the override.

Many Town Meeting members not only supported returning the money to the council's coffers, but also wondered why such services were cut. Others stressed the crucial nature of the visiting nurses program and other programs considered important for keeping elderly citizens out of nursing homes and living on their own.

Town Manager Donald R. Marquis explained that they were working on other ways of finding money for the programs.

The discussion prompted one woman to comment that "a town is not that different from a person. Proposition 2½ is like a virus eating away at the life force used to support itself. As a nurse, if I were looking at Arlington, I would say Arlington is about a year-and-a-half away from nursing home placement."

Town Meeting eventually passed the decreased budget of \$78,553.

The youth services division also received a heavy budget blow, with

its recommended financing decreased \$61,166 from last year to \$194,025. This budget also merited an amendment but of a different nature.

"I'm not going to ask you for more money — just change figures around," said Chairman of the Board of Youth Services David Walkinshaw, also a Town Meeting member, after his notice of an amendment elicited a groan from Town Meeting members.

The number changes Walkinshaw amended in the budget included self-administered staff salary cuts of between 20 and 30 percent.

The youth services staff had and agreed to take these major pay cuts to save 2½ positions that would have otherwise been cut.

"No one from town or the Board of Youth Services asked employees to do this," said Walkinshaw. "They decided to do this themselves... I would like to congratulate them for their selflessness at keeping this organization together."

Walkinshaw commented that it

would be hard for himself, or anyone, to consider taking a 30-percent salary cut.

The amendment and the budget as amended were passed by a substantial majority.

- The remaining six sub-budgets passed with little or no debate. Workmen's compensation budget needs dropped \$25,727 to \$482,000; Non-contributory retirement remained the same at \$707,862; and contributory retirement funds needed went up to \$4,450,065, an increase of \$338,982.

The budget for interest and maturing town debt was \$460,000 and was passed unanimously.

The ever-rising insurance costs, including group life, group health, Medicare, indemnity, and liability, added up to \$5,845,000 this year, and increase of \$1,025,133 over last year. This was the biggest budget increase of any department.

The reserve fund stayed the same at \$200,000, and was approved unanimously.

Override could boost budget levels

(From page 1A)

The override budget included 13 items:

- Community Safety would get \$60,000 for two firefighters and another \$60,000 for two policemen. An number of positions in both departments were eliminated this year.
- The Library system would get \$29,877 for personal services section of its budget, and \$17,123 to keep the Fox Branch Library open.
- The Council on Aging would get \$38,293 for expenses to Minuteman Home Care and to retain the visiting nurse.

- The Support Services section of the Community Safety Department would be given \$13,000 for a part-time assistant building inspector, a position that was eliminated about five years ago.
- The Department of Public Works would be allotted \$126,000 for road-way maintenance laborer positions.
- \$32,000 would be applied to expenses for a comprehensive pay and classification plan study for the Personnel Department. Town Meeting already voted \$18,000 for the study.
- In the original budget recommendation, Youth Services would get

back only \$30,000 of the more than \$60,000 cut out of its budget. Chairman of the Board of Youth Services David Walkinshaw (precinct 8) proposed an amendment changing the \$30,000 to \$50,000. After some discussion, Town Meeting passed the amendment.

- The School Department would get \$598,879 to reinstate some of the programs and co-curricular activities previously sliced from next years budget.
- The Town Clerk's office would get an increase of \$4,168.
- \$918 would go to the Board of Registrars

- The Treasurer-Collector department would receive \$10,000, and Postage would get \$5,000.

Most of the override money is being used to soften the severe budget cuts departments faced. Some programs that would otherwise be cut will be saved.

Two of the supplemental requests, however, were not previously in departmental budgets: the \$32,000 for the personnel reclassification and the \$13,000 for an assistant building inspector.

Town Meeting is expected to vote on the override budget Wednesday night, after the press deadline for this issue of the Advocate.

School spending cuts make TM mood somber

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sports, will also be cut.

The hour-long discussion of the School Department budget included little indication that Town Meeting would not vote to pass it, but instead sounded like a wake.

"This is a heartbreaking budget," said Barry Faulkner, precinct 11. "Just because they cut the budget doesn't mean it is enough money."

According to Devine, the 47 tenured teachers given notice the evening before represent a total of 530 years of service to the Arlington school system.

"We are trying to hold our education process together until the federal and state situation is pulled together," said O'Brien, who added that if things keep going the way they are it is "going to make Arlington a very unattractive community

to come into."

Budget line items were not scrutinized, but ways of softening the yearly financial blows were discussed including supporting the June 10 Proposition 2½ override, instituting user fees, and denying salary raises for town employees.

The schools would get \$600,000 if an override is voted June 10.

Town Meeting member Andy Kaplan, precinct 15, noted that not giving town employees a raise could result in "chaos," and added that the "real assets in town are the children" and they are entitled to an

education to allow them to compete in the world.

Lyman Judd from precinct 7 commented earlier that having no salary increase for employees would save the town \$2.2 million.

"To ask town employees to take a zero percent raise is asking a small minority to carry the burden of the community," said Larry Greco, precinct 17.

The question of state and federal funding was also brought up to which Board of Selectmen Chairman Charles Lyons noted that the U.S. Government now gives "more to

cities and towns outside of the U.S. than inside."

Town Meeting members asked for details of guidelines for user fees but most spoke against instituting them citing financial hardship for low and moderate income families, and the discouraging factor of paying to participate.

Though Town Meeting passed the budget, the vote was not unanimous.

"The cost of educating youths, compared with the price we'll pay in welfare payments and crime, education is unequivocally the best bargain around," said Devine.

Data processing job may stay open a while

The town's data processing department may have to do without a director for a while.

This week, selectmen accepted the resignation of Director Francis G. Healey but declined to give Al Minervini, comptroller and coordinator of data processing, permission to start the search for a replacement.

Healey's resignation will become effective May 26.

"There are a whole bunch of reasons [for resigning], not the least of which is the financial situation of someone working for me getting more money than me," said Healey. "It's not the dollars per se but the principal of it."

According to the recommended budget for fiscal year 1990, just passed by Town Meeting, the software development manager (in the Data Processing Department) will make a salary of \$50,841, which is \$1,871 more than Healey's salary would have been at \$48,970.

The situation was the same last year, with the software development manager making \$20 more than Healey.

"Last year they said they would rectify the situation and didn't," said Healey. "That made my decision to leave a heck of a

lot easier."

Healey had been working in the position for 6½ years, and said he would be going to work for the state.

Minervini's search for a new director was put on hold until selectmen tour the department before next Monday's meeting. The tour will be open to the public.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Charles Lyons suggested the tour, and the postponement of the search for a new director, "to get a handle on the department."

Minervini appealed to selectmen to do it "as soon as possible," since a large workload depends on the Data Processing Department and it is getting backed up.

Lyons also said he wanted to find out why the position is important, why it needs to be filled, and what would happen if it remained vacant.

Lyons' motion came minutes before Selectman Kevin Greeley presented a typed proposal suggesting selectmen get to know the various town departments better by setting up regular monthly or bi-monthly tours. Greeley hoped to include a cable broadcast of the tours and departmental presentations.

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The Hearing Report

by Jean Rosowski, MS, CCC-A

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Perhaps you've heard MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH. On the national front, our U. S. Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, has been selected as honorary chairman of the Council for Better Hearing and Speech Month. Sharing the spotlight for the public awareness campaign is the 1989 Council Poster Child, Timmy Lundy, from Beaverton, Oregon. Both Timmy and Dr. Koop wear binaural hearing aids. Watch for public service announcements starring Timmy and Dr. Koop.

Locally, at Audiology Services, we are honoring this special month with **free adult hearing screenings** in our office at 90 Concord Ave. in Belmont. If you would like your hearing checked by an audiologist, please call us at 484-8700 before you come. See you soon.

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On Saturday (May 20), you can help support the Skyline Playground fundraising drive. Certain generous Arlington businesses have agreed to share their profits with us on any sales made that day.

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TOWN MEETING ROUNDUP

Article 27 — Scholarship Fund: Arlington's Bylaws will be amended to include a new section delineating the purpose and structure of the Town Scholarship Fund.

The new bylaws were requested by the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America and the article, No. 27, was inserted at the request of the town treasurer and 10 registered voters.

Under the Section 2 of the new bylaw, the purpose of the scholarship fund was defined as "to establish and maintain a perpetual trust fund in order to expand the educational opportunities for residents of the town who have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level by promoting the scholarship program, maintaining an operational structure, raising funds for student aid distribution and conducting an objective selection process for distributing awards on a fair, equitable and non-discriminatory basis."

The program is also a local government tax check-off "Dollars for Scholars" program and is governed by state statutes, according to Town Treasurer John Bilafer.

Town Meeting voted unanimously to accept the new section of the Bylaws, titled Article 5A.

Article 29 and 30 — Authority to File for Grants and Approval to Borrow: Town Meeting agreed to approve once again two articles inserted yearly. Article 29 gives the town manager and the Board of Selectmen the general authority to file for grants; and Article 30 gives the town treasurer to make short term loans (less than one year) when needed to keep the cash flowing smoothly.

The article, inserted by the town treasurer and 10 registered voters, was passed unanimously.

Article 43 — Out-of-State Travel: Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$2,800 for expenses incurred outside the state. The allotment is the same amount as last year, and will be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the town manager.

The article was inserted at the request of the town manager.

Article 44 — Disposal of Town Property: The town manager can

once again "sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of" surplus municipal property.

Inserted in the warrant yearly and at the request of the town manager and the School Committee, article 44 authorizes the disposal of "scrap metal, junk, obsolete equipment, including sidewalk brick and construction materials, and including any furniture or other material rendered surplus by the closing of any schools in the town."

Town Meeting voted unanimously to pass the article.

Article 52 — Appropriation for Special Education Shortfall: A recommendation of "no action" was accepted by the Town Meeting, and no money was appropriated to cover any shortfalls in last year's special education budget.

The Finance Committee recommended "no action" on the article since there was no shortfall this year.

The article is inserted each year, at the request of the School Committee, in case there is a shortfall. Chapter 766, special education, is a state mandated expense and can be unpredictable.



Asa Cole



Kathy Hivish



Chuck Goodrich

Cole new Century publisher

Asa Cole has been named publisher of the Century Newspapers, a weekly newspaper group owned by Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. He also will continue as publisher of three other company-owned newspapers, the Wellesley Townsman, Sudbury Town Crier and Wayland-Weston Town Crier.

In a related move, Kathy Hivish, Century advertising director, will become general manager of Century Newspapers, responsible for much of the day-to-day management.

The announcements were made by Larry Franklin, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Harte-Hanks, and by Kevin J. Barry, president of the company's Boston area newspapers.

Century Newspapers include The Arlington Advocate, The Belmont Citizen-Herald, The Watertown Sun and the Winchester Star.

Cole, 44, succeeds Chuck Goodrich, who is leaving Harte-Hanks to become president and chief executive officer of North Shore Weeklies in Ipswich.

Goodrich has been Century's publisher since June 1986. Previously he was marketing director, circulation sales manager and special projects manager at the Middlesex News in Framingham.

"I've enjoyed my three years at Century, but for me it's time to move on," said Goodrich. "I've known Asa for six years and I know he'll do a terrific job as publisher. And Kathy's background in weekly newspaper management will serve her well in her new role."

For the past year and a half,

Cole has been publisher of the Wellesley Townsman, Sudbury Town Crier and Wayland-Weston Town Crier, which are also members of the Harte-Hanks Boston group. He was general manager of the papers for two years before that.

A combat correspondent with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Cole joined Harte-Hanks in 1968 as a reporter with the Middlesex News in Framingham. He went on to hold increasingly responsible editorial positions with the News, including executive editor from 1982 to 1986.

He is past president of the New England chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and a past member of the board of governors of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors.

"Asa has done an excellent job with the Townsman and Town Crier operations," Barry said. "With his leadership, we can expect both organizations (Century and Crier-Townsman) to continue to grow and to be supportive of each other."

"Century's readers can rest assured of a continuing commitment to editorial excellence," said Cole. "We're fortunate to have people like Editor Carol Beggy, Asst. Editor Peggy Bustamante and Sports Editor Walter Moynihan at the Arlington Advocate. These are the people who are responsible for putting the newspaper out 52 weeks a year, and Executive Editor Bill Finucane and I are committed to giving them the resources to do it well."

Hivish, 39, has been advertising director of the Century Newspap-

ers since March 1988. She will continue to be in charge of advertising in addition to her expanded responsibilities.

Before joining the Century group, Hivish was national sales manager and marketing consultant to the Richner Publications in Long Island, N.Y. She previously managed newspapers and commercial printing for Allaire Publishing Co. in central New Jersey. She also served as associate publisher, general manager and advertising director of several independent and group weeklies in Pennsylvania.

"Kathy's previous background in weekly newspaper management, coupled with her understanding of the Century markets and people, make her a natural choice for the day-to-day management responsibilities," said Barry.

Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. owns and operates 10 daily newspapers and approximately 50 non-daily publications, including community newspapers and supplemental publications; shoppers that are zoned into 419 separate editions reaching 5.2 million households each week in five major markets; commercial printing and graphic facilities at three independent sites and at 11 locations around the United States in conjunction with other publishing activities; KENS-TV, a CBS affiliate in San Antonio, Tex., and a nationwide direct-marketing company offering computer services, direct-mail systems, research and telemarketing services, database applications, alternate delivery and transportation of advertising materials.

POLICE LOG

Arrests

On May 10, a 33-year-old Somerville man was arrested at Sunnyside Avenue and Broadway on a State Police Norwell warrant for traffic violations.

A 29-year-old Fremont Court man was arrested May 10 on Route 16 for being in default of an MDC police traffic warrant.

A 27-year-old East Boston man was arrested May 11 on Mass. Avenue and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, speeding, and operating without a license.

On May 12, a 40-year-old, South Boston man was arrested on a defaulted Arlington warrant for operating after suspension of his license. He was arrested by Milton police and brought to Arlington.

A 20-year-old East Boston man was arrested May 12 for being in default of an Arlington warrant for operating after suspension of his license, operating to endanger, and failure to stop. He was arrested by Leominster police and brought to Arlington.

On May 12, two 16-year-old Arlington youths, one from Clyde Terrace and one from Stevens Terrace, were taken into protective custody. Arrested at Willow Court and Millbrook drive respectively, they are both part of a group of youths hanging around the high school, police said.

On May 13, a 46-year-old Billerica man was arrested by North Andover police for being in default of an Arlington warrant for assault and battery on a police officer. He was brought to the Arlington police station.

A 32-year-old Somerville man was arrested May 13 on Mystic Street and charged with operating after suspension of his license and operating with defective equipment. He was stopped for operating with one

headlight.

On May 14, an 18-year-old Magnolia Street man was arrested on Mass. Avenue near Milton Street for being in default on a warrant for disorderly conduct.

Two 17-year-old Medford youths were arrested May 14 on Acton Street near the Otisom High School, each charged with being a minor transporting alcohol and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

On May 14, two Somerville youths, on 15-years-old and the other 16-years-old, were arrested and charged with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny of a motor vehicle. The two were found stealing parts from cars at the 370 Mass. Ave. parking lot.

A 37-year-old Revere man was arrested May 14 at his home and charged with armed robbery. He is allegedly one of two people involved in an armed hold-up of the A&A Deli at 1040 Mass. Ave. on April 18. The second man, a 37-year-old Revere man, was arrested Monday, May 15 at Boston City Hospital where he had gone for treatment. As of Monday, both are held without bail pending a hearing.

On May 14, a 34-year-old Waltham man was arrested at Lake and Freeman streets for being in default of a Sudbury police warrant for passing bad checks.

9 three angora sweaters, worth \$100 each, were taken from a washing machine at the Scrubby Bubbles on Mass. Avenue.

On May 11, a Fisher Road man told police a Clarion AM/FM stereo cassette had been taken from his 1987 Volkswagen.

A White Street man reported May 11 an Alpine AM/FM cassette stereo was taken from his 1987 Volkswagen the night before.

On May 12, a Waldo Road man told police the driver side window of his car was smashed and a Kenwood cassette deck was taken. The car was parked in his driveway.

On May 14, a Waltham man reported the driver side window of his car was smashed and a Bell Vector radar detector worth \$169 was taken.

A Dothan Street woman reported May 14 the passenger side window of her 1984 Audi was broken and a radar detector, four cassettes, and her passport were taken.

On May 14, a Hutchinson Road man reported the side window of his 1985 Saab was smashed and an AM/FM stereo was taken.

Break-ins

On May 8, a Mystic Valley Parkway woman told police TVs and a VCR were taken from her home. She said there were no signs of forced entry.

A Mystic Banks man told police someone had broken into his garage and taken fishing tackle and a trolling motor.

On May 10, a Fremont Court woman told police someone had forcibly entered her apartment and spray-painted her kitchen wall.

On May 12, the Beacon Spa on Warren Street reported someone broke into the store and took approximately \$8,700 in lottery scratch tickets.

A Jason Street man told police May 12 that his home had been broken into and a Fisher VCR and an oriental rug worth \$1100 was taken.

On May 12, a Mass. Avenue woman told police someone entered her apartment and removed a \$300 Canon Camera.

A Valley Road man reported May 12 someone broke into his home and ransacked his bedroom. A VCR, stereo, camera, and jewelry were missing.

On May 13, an Oakland Avenue man reported that sometime during the last month a \$40 Timex gold tone watch was missing from his bedroom.

Vandalism

On May 9, an Oakland Avenue woman reported the right side window of her 1978 Honda had been broken.

A Pleasant Street woman told police May 10 the right rear tire of

her 1987 Toyota had been slashed.

On May 12, a Varnum Street man reported the door of his 1988 Dodge Ram had been dented and the molding broken by a Waltham man.

On May 13, the southwest corner walls and doors of Arlington High School building were spraypainted.

A Lowell Street woman reported May 14 that an unknown person smashed all the windows on her 1983 Ford Escort Wagon on Park Avenue.

Miscellaneous

On May 12, a Rhinecliff Street man told police he had been exposed to by a neighbor on his street.

A post office box at 208 Mass. Avenue was set on fire May 12. The U.S. Post Office on Court Street was notified of the smoking mailbox.

On May 12, a 14-year-old Gardner Street boy told police he was shot with a BB while he was riding his bike on Gardner Street. The shots were allegedly fired by a 13-year-old Fremont Street youth. The victim chose to take no further action at this time, though police now have confiscated the BB gun.

On May 14 at 10:32 a.m., a 19-year-old Washington Street woman hit a fire hydrant at 288 Summer St. She was driving a 1986 Dodge Lancer, and was taken to Symmes Hospital and treated for lacerations of the chin. A short while later the houses at 280 and 284 Summer St. were reported flooded in the basement.

Cable TV Channel 3

Friday, May 19:

10 a.m. Video Shortcuts: May '89
10:30 a.m. Community TV Update
11 a.m. Sew With Marnie
11:30 a.m. Haven on the Hill
12 p.m. Cable Cuisine
12:30 p.m. Inside Arlington
1 p.m. Arlington Spelling Bee
Saturday, May 20:
9:30 a.m. Arlington Spelling Bee
10:30 a.m. Arlington Philharmonic
11:30 a.m. Real Issues in Real Estate
Sunday, May 21:
10 a.m. Inside Arlington
10:30 a.m. Dateline Washington with Joe Kennedy
11 a.m. Sports Profiles with Ron Galluccio
Monday, May 22:
5 p.m. Kraus Currents
5:30 p.m. La Triviata
6:30 p.m. RNR-TV
7 p.m. Beyond the Classroom: Reading with Children
7:30 p.m. Sewing With Marnie

8 p.m. Animal Rights
8:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts (May '89)
9 p.m. St. James Champs
Tuesday, May 23:
5 p.m. Alcohol, Drugs and you
6 p.m. Special Arlington Educational Forum: Prop 2 1/2 Override
6:30 p.m. Animal Rights
7 p.m. Video Shortcuts May '89
7:30 p.m. Healthguard
7:45 p.m. The Intergenerational Program
8 p.m. Grecian Melodies
8 p.m. On Channel 45: Arlington Selectmen's Meeting 5/22
9 p.m. Arlington Elementary Gymnastics Meet 1989
Tuesday, May 24:
5 p.m. Special Arlington's Educational Forum: Prop. 2 1/2 Override
5:30 p.m. Cable Cuisine
6 p.m. Arlington Elementary Gymnastics Meet 1989
7 p.m. The Larry Glick Show
8 p.m. Real Issues in Real Estate (Live) Call in questions at 643-2258
8:30 p.m. 1989 Chamber of Commerce Awards

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Pharmacy Footnotes
by Richard B. Murray, R.Ph. and Peter O'Reilly, R.Ph.

STOP THE SNEEZE

Antihistamines are the drugs most often prescribed for allergies. They block the actions of histamine, a chemical substance released at a tissue site or into the circulatory system as the result of tissue injury or in reaction to an antigen. Ragweed pollen is a common antigen; it causes the histamine reaction called hay fever. Allergic reactions may include flushing, hives, eczema, headache, wheezing, puffiness of the face, swelling of the eyelids, constriction of the throat, and lowered blood pressure. Antihistamines can stop itching, dry up a drippy nose, and even help a person sleep at night. Sleepiness is such a common side effect that antihistamines are the main ingredient in non-prescription sleeping pills. They may also bring on other reactions, including hyperactivity in children.

With so many products on the market today, knowing which one is best suited for your particular situation is difficult to discern. The expertise of your pharmacist can prove invaluable at this time. Feel free to consult us when in doubt about any over the counter product. We are also very proud to be able to provide families in this area with whatever medications their physician may prescribe. Special discounts are available to senior citizens plus we provide courtesy delivery. See us in Arlington at one of the locations listed below where we are open 7 days a week. Read this column in the weeks to come as we discuss many other topics related to your family's well being.

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NEWS NOTES

Kraus honored for work with schools

Sen. Richard A. Kraus, D-Arlington, was recently honored by the Massachusetts Organizations of Citizens for School Improvement at a ceremony at the Kennedy Library. The award was presented to Kraus in recognition for his outstanding contributions to School Improvement Councils. The senator was a

co-author of the legislation which expanded the membership of the councils as well as increased funding for them. "Improvement in schools must begin at the school house not at the State House. School Improvement Councils involve community folks and business people as well as parents, teachers and students in strengthening neighborhood schools. They are an integral part of the educational reform movement. I will continue to work hard to ensure adequate funding for the councils statewide," said Kraus.

Kennedy holds office hour

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II announced this week that he will be holding office hours on Monday, June 5 at the Arlington Post Office located at 10 Court St., Arlington, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Residents are welcome to come by to visit with the Congressman, at that time, to discuss their concerns for Arlington and the Eighth Congressional District. Kennedy's office regularly holds

office hours in Arlington, the fourth Friday of every month at the Town Hall Senior Citizens Center, located at 27 Maple St. from 9 to 11 a.m. Residents who wish to contact the Congressman's Boston office should call Jeb Killian at 565-8686 or write to Room 1111, O'Neill Federal Office Building, 10 Causeway St., Boston, Mass. 02222.

Airlines flies from Bedford to islands

Effective May 21, Catskill Airways will begin new non-stop and direct service to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Newark, and Islip from Hanscom Field in Bedford. "We have responded to a wave of requests for service to these new destinations. More and more travelers from the North Shore area are fed up with the hassles related to accessing Logan International Airport. Anyone who has experienced the over-crowding and long lines at Logan will appreciate the ease of our flights from Hanscom. We offer the North Shore area traveler convenient, non-stop service with little or no delay in the air or on the ground and there is plenty of free parking at Hanscom Field!" stated Will Lunn of Catskill Airways Public Affairs Office today. Catskill Airways is one of the nation's oldest regional airlines (23 years) and become the first scheduled air carrier to serve Hanscom Field when the airline introduced flights to upstate New York in July 1988.

HEALTH NEWS

Babysitting training offered

The "Babysitter Training Program" is a great opportunity for young adults who will be starting to babysit or are currently involved with caretaking duties for younger siblings and/or relatives, in order to become better equipped babysitters. The "Babysitter Training Program" will be offered during the month of June at the Choate Hospital in Woburn on June 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. A second program will take place in Arlington, location to be announced, on June 27, 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. "Babysitter Training" is designed for boys and girls, between the ages of 11 and up. Topics covered include

— fire and police safety, chokesaving, first aid techniques, telephone-message taking, child-care skills, ie. diapering, disciplining and more. At the completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate and become eligible to be placed into the Choate-Symmes Babysitter Registry. For fee information and to pre-register, call the Education Dept. at 646-1500, ext. 2291.

Emergency training courses offered

The following health-related programs will be offered during the summer to the community of Choate and Symmes Hospitals. CPR basic life support: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation to save a

heart-attack, stroke, drowning or choking victim. Earn a one-year American Heart Association certification. Offered at Choate Hospital in Woburn on Wednesday, June 7, 14 and 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. An additional session required of all "health-care providers" will take place on Wednesday, June 28 at Choate.

Free posture screening offered

In honor of May being Correct Posture Month, Dr. Carmen Goulet and Dr. Maureen Gormley will hold a free posture screening on Saturday, May 20, 1989, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1250 Mass. Ave. All are invited to participate and parents are encouraged to bring their children. For more information please call either 643-9433 or 646-1277.

Doctor Reports "Overweight Patients Lose Too Much Weight!"

ORANGE, CA — A significant weight loss breakthrough of unprecedented magnitude has just been made. A new bioactive diet pill program containing amazing "E.A.B. Plus" has been perfected and is being marketed under the tradename Anorex 2000™. Researchers are calling it the "diet miracle of the '90s." Anorex 2000 with "E.A.B. Plus" actually turns the body into a "fat burning machine" which consumes its own stored fat, flab and cellulite thus shedding pounds and inches like magic. A panel of leading U.S. doctors and health experts found Anorex 2000 "safe for effective weight loss." However it is an extremely powerful anorectic - instructions should be followed carefully.

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Send check or money order for \$36.45 (+\$3.50 for shipping and handling) for a 30 day supply or \$64.00 (+\$3.50) for a 60 day supply to Anorex 2000, 4642 E. Chapman Ave., Dept. A54, Orange, CA 92669. For fastest service for credit card orders ONLY simply call Anorex 2000 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week TOLL FREE: 1-800-633-2222, Dept. A54, and use your VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Sorry, no C.O.D.s.

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Changes in elderly services

In an effort to retain services for the elderly in the face of budget shortfalls, rising costs and the increasing demand for services as the aging population grows, the Arlington Council on Aging announced several changes in services today which will significantly affect Arlington elders.

The new Executive Director, Jeanne Madden, who came to the COA in December, described a survival plan which includes both long- and short-range goals to secure public and private funding for the agency, to stabilize current services and to revise current service delivery mechanisms.

"The COA has been providing a wide range of services to elders throughout the town for more than 20 years. However, state, federal and town funding problems threaten the agency's ability to continue to provide these services," said Madden.

As more men and women live longer, the need for the type of service the COA provides increases. "The staff and volunteers of the agency cannot keep up with the level of service required in the community," Madden said. "And, as other elderly service providers in the area, such as Minuteman Home Care, lose precious state and local funding, more of the burden to provide services falls on the Council on Aging."

As a result, the COA has been

required to turn to elders to pay for the services they receive. Madden noted, "The elders we serve are most often living alone on a very limited income, usually under \$10,000 a year and most often under \$5,000 per year. They are the least able to pay fees for services, but we have no other choice at this point than to seek funding from every avenue possible."

In addition to voluntary fees, Madden plans to raise funds through special grants, private donations, and deferred giving plans. In addition, the plan includes the opening of a gift shop at the Council on Aging in the near future.

"If the budget now before Town Meeting is passed, the COA will lose funding for its contract for a Registered Nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association," said Madden. "Our nurse, Jackie Keshian, R.N., with the assistance of student nurses from the University of Massachusetts, has been caring for 70 elders at home, in addition to running regular health screenings at clinics across town each week, providing education, special screenings for skin, breast and other cancers, cholesterol, diabetes, podiatry, etc."

This position has been in jeopardy in the past, but will actually be cut this year unless the over-ride of Prop 2½ is successful.

"The health care system is not keeping pace with the need and this service is not currently reimbursable under any public or private health insurance. But home nursing care is critical for those who receive it and often it keeps elders from moving to nursing homes," says Jackie Keshian.

If the override question on the June 10 ballot passes, this service will be restored in full. Other funding is being sought to keep this service, but to date there has been little success. Federal CDBG funds cannot be used for continuation of programs. At best, elders in need of this critical nursing care will have to

settle for a part-time nurse, which will leave many without care. It will place the student nursing program in jeopardy as well, causing further decreases in service.

The other portion of the budget to be cut, the assessment to Minuteman Home Care, will cause cuts in services such as case management, homemaker, home health aide, nutrition, and transportation, etc which are provided to Arlington residents through Minuteman Home Care.

The COA recently requested Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to develop a new health care program for current and retired town employees which will help reduce health insurance costs, disability and other retirement costs for the town. It would also ensure that the health care space at the COA would not be under-utilized.

Other Service changes at the COA:

Transportation — Over the next two months, the COA Board will be developing a plan to meet the most critical transportation needs of the Arlington elders, including rides to group meal sites of Minuteman Home Care, medical appointments, as well as adult day health and social day care. This will mean a significant change in the way services are now provided for general around-town taxi service. The new plan will focus on those most in need and least able to pay for transportation. Fees will be required for certain services. Definite plans will be announced shortly. In the meantime, current services will continue and elderly or handicapped who need medical transportation can call Dick Vincent at 646-1000 ext 4725, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to arrange a ride.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about these changes or the services of the COA, or anyone who would like to volunteer or make a donation to the Special Gift Fund can call Jeanne Madden at 646-1000, ext. 4722.

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Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 646-1000, ext. 4720. Home visits can be arranged when the client is handicapped.

Senior Citizen Picnic

Hold this date — June 13 — Senior Citizen Picnic — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menotomy Rocks Park. Tickets on sale at the Council on Aging beginning May 22 — June 2 — Price \$4. Food and entertainment. Positive rain date June 14.

Governor's Conference

The Seventh Annual Governor's Conference on Aging will be held at Southeastern Massachusetts University in North Dartmouth on Thursday May 25 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, please call the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at 1-800-882-2003 or (617) 727-7750.

Retired Men's Club

The Retired Men's Club of Arlington is hosting a New York City trip featuring, among other things, a tour of the Statue of Liberty. The date is July 15-16 and the public is invited to come along. Included are luxury accommodations at the Vista International, Complimentary refreshments on day 1. Round-trip Motorcoach transportation, all baggage fees and taxes. The price is

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Whist Party

The monthly Whist Party will be held at The Arlington Senior Center on Sunday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. We look forward to our regular members and hopefully new folks — you can anticipate a friendly time with refreshments and prizes.

Nutrition & Menu

Site Manager: Marge Scott, 646-1000 ext. 4747 for reservations. Transportation available by calling. Hauser Building 37 Drake Village Site Manager: Marilyn Bruno. Call 648-7500 for reservations. See above for Transportation. Reservations are necessary. Menus may change without notice. Monday May 22, baked stuffed potato, Tuesday May 23, pork chopette, Wednesday May 24, turkey pot pie, Thursday May 25, baked chicken, Friday May 26, cheddar burger.

Health Counseling

Thursday, May 18 9:30-11 Fidelity House, 25 Medford St., Thursday May 18, 12:30-1:30, Senior Center 27 Maple St., Friday, May 19, 12-1:30, AARP First Baptist Church, Monday May 22, 11-12 Senior Center Meal Site, Wednesday, May 24, 9-10:30, Fidelity House, 25 Medford St. Thursday May 25 9:30-11, Drake Village 37 Drake Rd. Thursday, May 25, 12:30-1:30, Senior Center, 27 Maple St. Movie

The Arlington Seniors Association hopes everyone will come and enjoy the movies on Friday — May 26 at 1:15 p.m. This is a new program offered twice a month. The selections are current and well chosen.

Meals-On-Wheels Needs Volunteers

The Meals-On-Wheels program coordinator is appealing to any resident to volunteer to help in the delivery of meals to homebound elderly.

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For more information contact Peggy Allen Meals-On-Wheels coordinator at 646-1000 ext. 4727.

Project Hire services offered

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the costs of administering this much needed program.

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Homemakers are asked for a donation of \$10 upon listing with the COA and an additional \$10 acceptance of a job. This allows the homemaker to be on the list for six months with an additional donation of \$10 necessary for each six-month period.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

BY MAT



Money, salaries and other fun stuff

Money and the expenditure of it has consumed most of the attention of Town Meeting and others in old Menotomy recently. And what's out there isn't fun to watch.

First of all we would be remiss if we did not note that Fran Healey has resigned from his position in the data processing department. When we voted to Prop. 2½, the Fran Healeys in the town were not the ones who we sought to have cut.

For many his name is a new one, because he's not the sort to grab headlines or find himself in the limelight. But ask any department head or town employee who's ever worked on a project requiring the computer system, name one that hasn't, and they'll tell you how much Healey will be missed.

Why's he leaving? Because of the pay schedule in town for managers and the automatic step increases. Healey is being paid less than a person who works for him.

The second salary note of the week also requires a pat on the back for the youth services division, where people took voluntary pay cuts in order to keep 2½ jobs. (Those jobs would have been the first-ever layoffs on the town budget. Previous job reductions have been done through not filling vacancies.)

In fact, Director of Youth Services Patsy Kraemer will see a 30 percent increase in salary next year. That is if the override doesn't pass. Hmmm, only percent of say, the manager's salary would pay for a teacher who has been in the system at least five years or 30 percent of the superintendent's salary would be a principal clerk's position.

Just a reminder: Tomorrow is the last day to register to vote for the general election on June 10. The clerk's office will be open until 10 p.m. Also, people are reminded to make arrangements for absentee ballots.

In the 'We've Heard This Before Somewhere, Haven't We?' department: Budget vs. Education, Youths and Seniors vs. Comprehensive Pay Plan Studies and Reserve Accounts. Last year was the year of deciding whether we should fund trash pickup or give more money to the education budget. This year we spent a lot of time at Town Meeting deciding whether we should fund a comprehensive pay plan, if the override is successful, or give the money to the youth services division. How about setting money aside for the Council on Aging budget instead of funding the assessor's overlay reserve? Lots of discussion on emotional issues with little actual change. Who can debate the value of an education or the need of a nurse for seniors vs. a bridge?

Perhaps nothing in all of Arlington is quite as pretty as the town hall when in full bloom. Under the bright sunshine on Monday, the town workers were cutting the grass and people were fighting for space at the tables during lunch time.

For cheer up kids, there's only four more weeks of school. And for the seniors, graduation is only 17 days away.

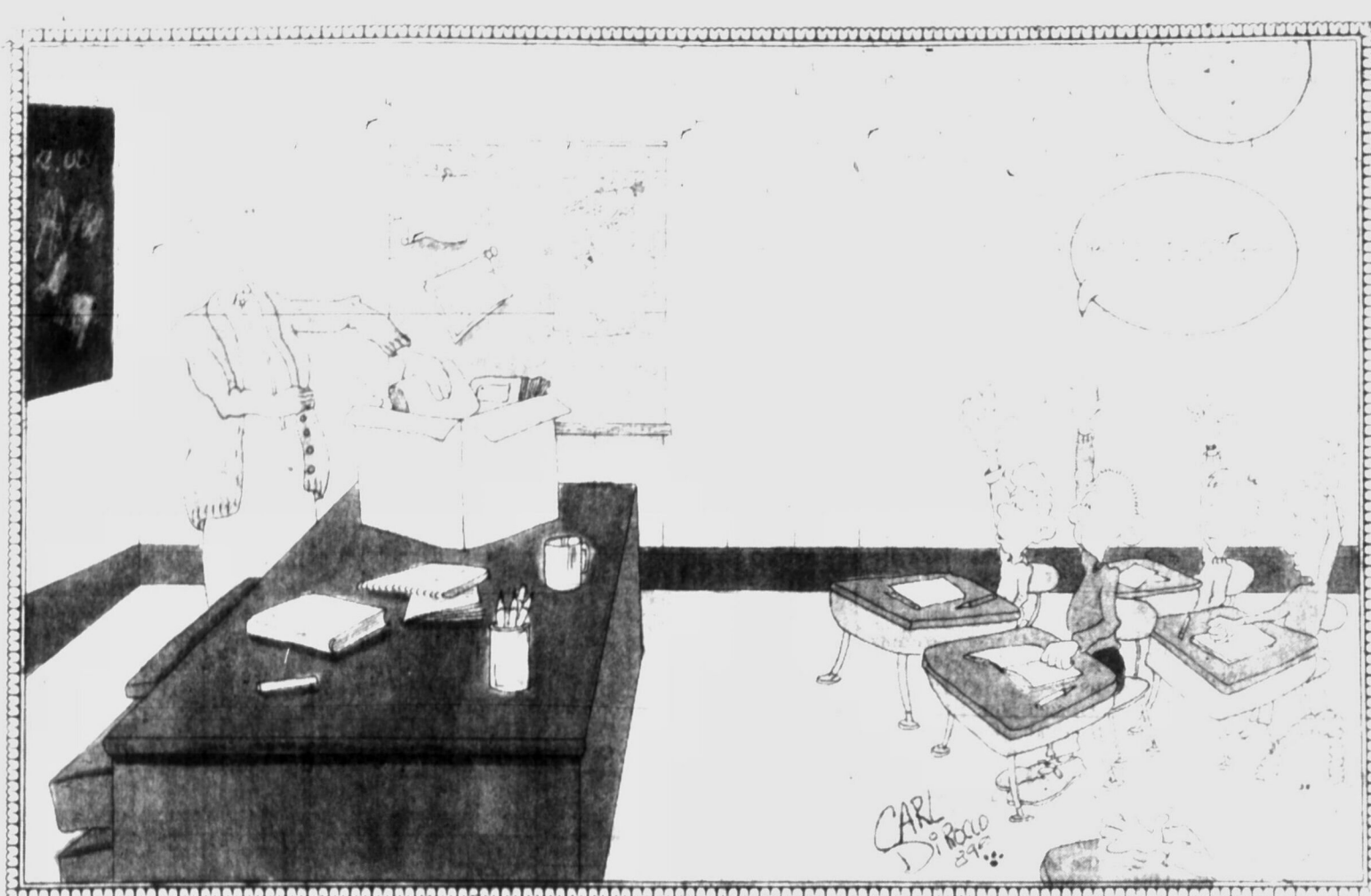
It's 7 a.m., a bit early for MAT to be about and around, but dog-walking responsibilities take precedence over other duties in life. It's peaceful and misty in an unnamed Arlington Park, perfect for meditation for dog-walkers, perfect for the dogs.

MAT is an absolute supporter of the pooper scooper (if not the dog leash before 8 a.m.). We hope readers are as well. We notice that dog walkers also have to pick up empty:

- 1) Bottles of beer
- 2) bottles of Gatorade*, left by little leaguers
- 3) Dunkin' Donuts* bags, presumably left by other non-athletes or the athletic parents.

Some dog walkers of our acquaintance also secretly garden in the early morning hours — only to have their plants mowed down in the public space by overzealous parks keepers.

What about the children?



Forty-seven tenured teachers were put on the lay-off list last week, in addition to the more than nontenured teachers already put on the list several weeks ago leaving some to wonder, "Who will be left to teach the students?"

GUEST COLUMNS

TM Week 3: Budgetary ennui

By NORMA BINNACLE
Special to The Advocate

Faced with the sobering of almost a decade under Prop 2½'s inexorable squeeze, even the fiscal fundamentalists of Town Meeting now seem on the verge of crying. "Enough already." Budgets advanced under the autocratic hand of FinCom Chairman Bob O'Neill, but the relationship of the animal trainer to his toothless tigers was gone. In truth, Town Meeting had no sand in it faced with the reality of extensive school program cuts.

The genuine humans on the School Committee were stricken too, on Tuesday night after reading the 47-name RIF list. (What a sardonic euphemism for firing — RIF, reduction in force — especially juxtaposed with that other educationese RIF, reading is fundamental.) The real people had the decency to be sad, but not the infamous Dr. S. Somego, the shrink with the ego for two. After the deed was done, up chirps Himself with, "O.K., when are we going out

to dinner?"

This in reference to the traditional sham that School Committee, Arlington's equivalent of the Druze militia, Shiite fundamentalists, and Lebanese so-called Christians, actually want to break bread together once a year. (If they do sit together, Dr. Somego had better bring his food taster.) The popular Officer Dave, probably restraining an urge to deck the Towering Ego, made it clear that he had no intention of being a party to the charade. Mother Fennelly fluttered to smooth things over, as one would with a rumpus room ruckus between two-year-old cousins who instinctively fight each other for the corn chips.

The selectmen's meeting, under Bob Walsh's gavel, was a civilized session, including a report from the Teosinte visitors. Walsh had gracious remarks regarding the relative inconsequence of our fiscal woes when compared with the struggles of the Salvadorans against serious oppression. Without Lyons present

to hog the limelight, we even heard from the Silent Majority of Hillier, Hurd and Greeley. Neither their experience nor their combined E.Q. (ego quotient) matches Charlie's, but they are not the idiot children that Lyons tries to make them appear either.

Town Planner and gray eminence Alan McClennen Jr. artfully whisked his CDBG recommendations past the foursome, minimizing any hard questions with several of his partizan, "As you know..." explanations that are at once both meaty and evasive enough to forestall further questioning. Does no one in Arlington but Norma question the reverse-Robin Hood priorities of the Marquis/McClennen CDBG agenda? Rob the poor and reward the rich.

Pennies are allocated for social services, and I mean social services for the young. And megabucks are available for more damnable brick and ersatz preservation, plus preservation of McClennen's own sat-

rapy, all blessed with scarcely a murmur from Frank Hurd or Kevin Greeley, those watchdogs of the people. For low income housing, a pitance. Shame!

In a rich and bitter irony, noted by only a few, a disturbed and occasionally homeless man positioned himself at Monday's Town Meeting behind McClennen and the Redevelopment Board, like Marley come to haunt Scrooge. A chain of messengers subtly alerted Chief Carroll, and the man was escorted from the sanctuary. Homeless? Arlington has no homeless; we take them to the borders promptly.

How will our epitaph read? "Arlington: She preserved her bricks and clapboards, but at the cost of her minds and souls." June 10 will tell us much. Meanwhile, don't forget that Town Clerk Ann Powers is keeping her office lights burning until 10 p.m. Friday, May 19 to register new voters.

(Norma Binnacle is a regular contributor to The Advocate.)

Choice is yours on level of services

By DONALD R. MARQUIS
Special to The Advocate

The choice is yours: are you satisfied with the services you are receiving from your government and do you want them continued, or do you feel that additional services should be cut? Proposition 2½ has worked fairly well so far; however, we have cut as much as we can. We can no longer continue to cut budgets in police, fire, public works, libraries, human resources, and schools, and reduce maintenance of our parks and playgrounds without changing the town drastically and dramatically.

If Arlington is to remain the town that it is, we must receive additional revenues, now. Remember, this is your town and it is a nice town. To those who say they cannot afford the twelve additional dollars per month they will pay if the override is approved, I say the alternative will be worse — for if the town is forced to make further cuts in municipal services and school programs, we

will not only be shortchanging our school children and citizens, but our property values will also drop. The reason you and I decided to live in Arlington was because of the quality of services provided. Now those basic services, which have been fine-tuned and streamlined since the inception of Proposition 2½, are in jeopardy.

Why are we in the financial condition we are in? When Proposition 2½ was passed, Arlington had to reduce property taxes by 15 percent. Arlington was one of only 70 communities in the state which were required to cut their taxes by that amount. As a result, the town lost more than \$5 million dollars in revenues the first year. The accumulated tax losses in the last eight years have been approximately \$60 million. Although it is true that we received an additional \$10 million in local aid during those eight years, our net loss was still approximately \$50 million. In FY90 alone, the town's revenue losses will be approximately \$8 million

or 13 percent our total budget.

To put things in proper perspective, if the federal government had to cut its budget by 13 percent, it would have to live with less than eleven billion dollars instead of \$13 billion the government has requested for next year. Very few would deny that neither the federal nor the state government could do the above—but that is exactly what the town of Arlington is expected to do under Proposition 2½. Because we have had to cut so much, we have reduced our employees by 25 percent in the last ten years. In the same period of time, the state increased its employees by 25 percent. It is important to know the big spenders have been since Proposition 2½ was passed.

There is no doubt that we should be receiving more local aid. Clearly, that was the whole idea behind Proposition 2½—both local and state governments were supposed to cut spending. Well, Arlington did, but the state did not. While our total

budget went up only 32 percent in the last eight years, the state budget doubled. Contrary to public belief, the state budget will still go up this year by at least 5 percent. If local aid were to also increase by 5 percent—remember the legislative commitment and the Governor's promise to return 40 percent of the additional growth tax revenues to the cities and towns—we would receive an additional \$800,000 in local aid; but clearly, that will not happen.

The town of Arlington must either get additional revenues from the state or from the Arlington property taxpayers. Arlingtonians should remember that their property taxes are about the same now as they were in 1980.

I urge you all to vote yes on June 10 to keep Arlington the town that it is and also to protect your investment.

(Donald R. Marquis is Arlington's Town Manager.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teacher looks at timing of school cuts

TO THE EDITOR:

My students, a colleague, and I have been researching the history of Arlington High School for the past two years in order to help celebrate our 125th anniversary in December 1989. We have been pleased to learn that Arlington citizens have had a long history of supporting a comprehensive, public education.

For example, before state law mandated a public high school, our Town Meeting members voted in 1864 to buy Cotting High School and reopen it as a public school with 40 students. When Cotting grew overcrowded, our citizens built a new high school in 1894 on Maple Street

Even during the early days of the Depression, our citizens agreed to build an addition to the high school which had moved to its present site in 1914.

Over the past 125 years, our citizens have supported a high school curriculum which met the changing needs of all its students. In the late 1800s, at the suggestion of the parents, commercial arithmetic, music, and drawing were added to the curriculum. Manual training, home economics, and an honors program were also established as early as 1905.

To meet the needs of the post-Sputnik age, the library, math department, and science department were expanded. In the sixties, the S.T.E.P. program, work study and many elective courses helped a variety of students stay in school and graduate.

Our high school has educated stu-

dents who have gone on to serve our town, state and country in many different ways. Because we have seen our students as individuals with differing abilities, our curriculum has expanded over the past 125 years.

Because we have seen our students as individuals with spirits and bodies, as well as minds, we have included physical education, art, music, business, manual arts and home economics in our curriculum.

Without a comprehensive curriculum, we will not be able to graduate productive involved citizens such as the following: Johnny Kelly, Arthur Lane, Bill Lowder, George Lowder, Ed Burns, Pam Spencer, Al Wunderly, Janemarie Hillier, John Cullinane, Alan Hovhaness, Anne Mahon Powers, Al Casey, John Bilafer, "Red" Kelly, "Brud" Faulkner, Elizabeth Dolan, Richard Banks, Karen Hauser Mahoney and James

Worden.

It would be ironic and sad indeed if our celebration of Arlington High's 125th happened in the year our town stopped supporting comprehensive, public education. I urge everyone to support the override on June 10 and to seek new, creative ways to support our schools.

Kathleen M. Doyle

Writer corrects description

TO THE EDITOR:

As director of Tot Stop (one of the eight groups bidding to lease a portion of the Gibbs Junior High School), I am writing to correct the description of my proposal in the May 4 Advocate. The Advocate listed Tot Stop as a new daycare (See LETTERS, page 9A).

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COMMENT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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venture. Tot Stop is not, in any manner, a daycare operation.

Rather, we are a newly formed organization committed to developing services for families with young children. Our primary interest is to design and operate what we have termed "junior citizen centers." We would like to open a pilot program in Arlington at the Gibbs Jr. High School.

Tot Stop will provide specific services to young families (defined as households with children kindergarten age or younger) in much the same manner that senior citizen centers provide services to elderly people. Open seven days a week, Tot Stop will be a combined indoor play-space and parent resource center.

Tot Stop will have many activity areas serving small infants to kindergartners. In addition, we will operate informal and formal parent groups, seminars and talks on topics of interest to young families, and professional evaluations and referrals for families experiencing problems with their children.

As you can see, Tot Stop serves a very different function than a daycare center. We hope we will be able to bring our unique concept to the Arlington community.

Carolyn Conrade Kenney

Former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Margaret Spengler, will address the forum on the reasons why she favors The Override. The opposite point of view, why the override should be defeated, will be presented by Robert Hayden, a concerned citizen and homeowner.

A panel of the speakers, together with Robert K. Garrity, a 13-year Town Meeting member, will then answer questions from the audience.

The objective of the forum's sponsors is to educate Arlington voters on the complex issue of Proposition 2½, its impact on Arlington, and the pros and cons of the Override referendum.

We hope you will attend.

R. G. Terry

Bishop school says 'thanks'

TO THE EDITOR:

The Bishop School PTO and Bishop's first, second and third grade students thank the Arlington Senior Center for help with our April 13 puppet show "The Living Garden."

Joan Pippin, coordinator at the Arlington Senior Center, introduced us to the following seniors who assisted with the production: Ann Sullivan, Carmella Guzzi-Bruno, Yola Trubiano and Rena Kirklian.

Thank you to these Arlington seniors who have provided such a fine example of community caring for our youngsters. We also thank the Massachusetts Arts Lottery, as administered by the Arlington Arts Council, for its support.

Bishop School

Forum on override

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday, June 10, voters of the town of Arlington will make an important decision about town and school services for 1989 and beyond; they will be voting on a referendum to override Proposition 2½.

The need for tax dollars that currently is strictly limited by Proposition 2½, is a highly debated subject not only in Arlington, but other communities as well.

The help clarify this issue for Arlington voters, The Social Responsibility Committee of The First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church, in conjunction with The League of Women Voters and The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a forum entitled "Proposition 2½ Override: Yay or Nay?" at its annual Barbara Shinn Memorial Conference.

The Conference will be held Sunday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave., Arlington Center.

Presenting the history and background of Proposition 2½ from state and local perspective will be State Senator Dick Kraus and Chairman of the Town Finance Committee, Robert O'Neill.

Memorial thoughts during season

TO THE EDITOR:

Some of the present residents in the town of Arlington may never have wondered why the town was named Arlington. In 1807 it had been named West Cambridge, a separate town. In 1817 the name was changed to Arlington in honor of heroes buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In this Memorial Season it would seem appropriate to include the item below.

Another illustrious name has been added to the list of Arlingtonians buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Lt. Col. Roberts Greene Atwood, U.S.A.F. was buried there last June with impressive military honors. The surviving members of his family were present.

(See LETTERS, page 10A)

Images from our past



Arlington Center is bedecked with red, white and blue banners for the Patriots' Day parade on April 19, 1900.

(Photo courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

YEARS PAST IN ARLINGTON

Fifty years ago

The auditorium of the Brackett School, with its decorations of potted plants and forsythia, was the setting of the fourth annual conference of District IV units of the Mass. Parent-Teachers Association. More than 300 people from the 16 towns and cities in the district enjoyed the program arranged by Mrs. R.E. Shepard, president of the Arlington Council, and her committee.

Twenty-five years ago

Sponsoring a study of the adolescent drinking practices and attitudes at Arlington High School will be the Boston University Law-Medicine Institute, which has been designated as one of the National Training Center in delinquency control. Questionnaires will include 173 points relative to drinking habits of a cross section of students from the seventh grade through the senior year in high school.

Ten years ago

Robbins Library has started an experimental program offering special services to Arlington shut-ins. Books, magazines, records, cassettes, and art prints will be home delivered and picked up by a library staff member on a monthly basis free of charge. This service has been made possible because of personnel supplied by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Plenty of reason to vote for Prop. 2½ override

By JANICE A. BAKEY
Special to The Advocate

Why should I vote for the Proposition 2½ override?

Just tell me why I should pay \$12 more a month in taxes!

Arlington receives most of its revenue through the property tax. This source of revenue from the property tax has decreased from 70 percent of the town's revenue in 1980, to just 57 percent today. Arlington is neither as affluent as some other residential communities it likes to compare itself with, nor does it sustain a substantial industrial or business base like others. Over 95 percent of the buildings in town are homes, and there is little or no room for new construction which would be one way to increase revenue.

With the passage of Proposition 2½ in 1980, property tax revenue increases are limited to 2½ percent from the year before. In the same time period:

- inflation rose an average of 5 percent each year;

- health insurance and trash disposal costs rose over 500 percent; and

- pensions and out-of-town special education costs rose over 300 percent.

Another interesting statistic:

- property taxes in 1970 were 5 percent of valuation;
- property taxes in 1981 were 3 percent of valuation; and
- property taxes in 1988 were 1.1 percent of valuation.

To meet this budget challenge and to stay within the budget, Arlington reduced its workforce dramatically:

Prior to Prop. 2½	Now	Without Override
Fire 117	92	90
Police 87	71	69
Public Works 132	86	80
School Staff 689	499	469

In addition, other services were slashed: library hours were reduced dramatically; the park's maintenance program severely restricted; snow removal services were reduced; street cleaning along with

storm drain cleaning were severely impacted. And, instead of the regular maintenance program municipal and school buildings once had, repairs are now dealt with on an emergency basis. Schools have been consolidated, programs reduced or eliminated, and class size increased.

Financially, Arlington has always had an excellent reputation as a well managed town, and, even now, maintains its AA credit rating, the second highest ranking by Moody's Investors service. But now, this too is in danger unless the town sets aside more free cash and begins to invest more in its buildings and properties. Just \$12 more a month will protect the town's credit rating and more.

This additional \$12 more a month will help to preserve further severe cuts in:

- the Council on Aging's Visiting Nurse and Minuteman Home Care services;
- three caseworkers at Arlington Youth Consultation Center;

- four firefighters;
- one branch library;
- the school's academically talented and science programs; and
- five school staffing positions.

Passage of the referendum will not solve all of the town's problems, as further cuts will inevitably ensue, but it will help to maintain essential town and school services at a reasonable level over the next three years. Passage of the referendum will be for one year only; next year, property tax revenue increases return to the 2½ level.

The older citizens of this town have handed down a legacy of pride and commitment to good government, schools and services. They have built a town with a strong sense of community. A one time, slight increase in taxes will help to preserve this quality of life in Arlington for all of Arlington's citizens and for future generations. This is what \$12 more a month will buy. Keep Arlington, Arlington. Vote "YES" on Saturday, June 10.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from page 9A)

Colonel Atwood died in San Francisco, where he had lived for the past few years. Many in Arlington will remember Bob Atwood because he never forgot his old hometown. His plans usually included an annual visit. He always supported his AHS class activities and eagerly awaited the next reunion.

Bob Atwood was always a good student, graduated from Harvard College and later earned an MBS from Harvard Business School. During his junior year at Harvard he worked for the U.S. Government taking aerial photos and making maps of the border between the United States and Canada. During that period he lived in Ely, Minnesota. This experience was an early indication of his love for flying and led to his long career in the United States Air Force. Atwood served his country with distinction in Alaska, North Africa, Europe, the Pacific, — wherever the action was.

Like many military career men, his desire was for world peace. In his later years he enjoyed work at the Goddard Space Center for NASA. He often said that his interests were not so much for here and today, but for

tomorrow and our future way out there in Outerspace.
Leila M. Atwood

Writer supports override

TO THE EDITOR:

I was surprised to walk into Robbins Library several months ago to use the card catalogue and see a sign that noted the Library no longer listed books by subject, just author and title. When I asked why, I was told because of severe budget limitations our town has a hiring "freeze". Robbins has not been able to fill all its staff vacancies and has had to curtail the services it provides.

Now I see that, beyond the reduction at Robbins, the Fox and Dallin Libraries are scheduled to close permanently after July 1. Because our town's property-based revenues are limited by State law, we also face deep cuts in our fire and police protection, in our services for the elderly and teen-agers, in street and park maintenance, and in our schools.

The elderly will lose the visiting

nurse and home health care program provided through the Council on Aging. Troubled teenagers won't receive the counselling they had — to the detriment of all of us. And our schools will be laying off teachers; increasing teacher/student ratios; cutting science, industrial arts, music, foreign language and other courses; and eliminating funding for athletics and extracurricular activities. And, as bad as these cuts are, next year the budget reduction will be even worse.

This kind of crisis in public services and programs is something I imagine communities faced in the worst years of the Depression. I can see people 50 years ago sadly contemplating that hard times had left them with no choice but to close libraries and curtail their community services and schools. It's hard to believe we're doing the same thing in the "Massachusetts Miracle" days of one of the most prosperous states in our now affluent country. (And what does it say about us that, in fact, we will be closing a library, the Dallin, that our parents and grandparents opened in the depths of the Great Depression?)

The ultimate shock in this situa-

tion comes when you look at the coming cuts in fire, police, library and elderly services and you wonder whether you would want your parents to live in Arlington. And then you consider the rest of the school and municipal services we'll be losing and you have to ask yourself whether you'd advise good friends with a young family to move to our Town.

On June 10 we'll be voting in a referendum that can save us from many of these cuts. The vote will be for a one-time, this-year-only adjustment in our property taxes above the annual 2½ percent limit imposed by State law. This increase, for the average homeowner, will mean an additional \$144 in property taxes for the year. This modest amount of money — 40 cents a day, less than the price of a cup of coffee — will save the Fox Library, retain fire and police manpower, and preserve elderly, youth and school programs. It'll help to save us from even more painful cuts in the future.

In the 11 years our family has lived in Arlington we've been very impressed with how well the town is run. Despite our inflationary times our property taxes in the 1980's have

been less than what they were ten years ago. In real terms (accounting for inflation) our taxes are far below what they were at the beginning of the decade.

I've heard complaints about "waste" and "fat" in state and federal government — but I've never had anybody show me where there's any significant waste or fat in Arlington. Nationally-recognized, independent agencies like Moody's Investment Service and the Government Finance Research Bureau have found our town is well-managed and our budget crisis is real.

Indeed, given that the property tax is the major source of revenue for our town, that for the last nine years state law has limited its annual increase to no more than 2½ percent, and that the "must" costs that comprise almost half our town's budget have risen far faster than that — trash disposal fees have increased 500 percent, health insurance premiums have quadrupled — it's to the great credit of our town officials that we haven't faced a debilitating budget squeeze until

now. The property tax limitations of State law, of course, don't affect just Arlington. The people of many Massachusetts communities, including Lexington and Cambridge, have already voted to increase taxes to save services. Arlington now spends less per resident on its schools and services than almost all of our surrounding and comparable communities. For instance, we spend, per capita, only about 85 percent of what Watertown does and just 60 percent of what Lexington does.

Nobody likes to pay taxes. But it's obvious that Arlington's reputation as a good place to live and raise a family is in danger. The prospect of diminished public safety, closed libraries, and short-changed youth and senior citizens is bad enough. But if Arlington becomes known as a community that does not provide good schools and services the cost to us will also be measured in lost property values, a loss that could be far, far greater than the additional amount of taxes we're being asked to pay. For nobody will pay top dollar prices (See LETTERS, page 11A)

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DO WISDOM TEETH CAUSE CROWING?

While many patients note that lower crowding seems to worsen when the wisdom teeth erupt, there is probably no direct cause and effect relation between the two. People with no wisdom teeth (either by extractions or congenital absence) can get increased crowding, people with impacted wisdom teeth can continue to have very straight teeth.

The fact is there are many possible reasons for the bottom teeth to crowd in adults. One of the most common is an increase in the "overbite", the amount of overlap of the upper incisors over the lower. As the back teeth wear down (particularly from bruxism or night grinding), or if any back teeth are extracted, the overbite often worsens and the lower incisors, which are confined and constricted by the uppers, become more constricted and thus more crowded. Late forward growth of the lower jaw in excess of the upper jaw also further jams the lower front teeth inside the confines of the upper, resulting in increased crowding. Often this growth happens coincidentally at the same time the wisdom teeth are erupting, so it is little wonder that the wisdom teeth were often blamed for the crowding.

Finally, the orthodontic patients whose original crowding was very severe will often get a slight relapse of the crowding as the teeth want to partially return to their original positions. This relapse can occur even if permanent bicuspid teeth were extracted to provide space.

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